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LANDLESS FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of landless farmers in the country as on date, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government have formulated any plan to safeguard the interest of these landless farmers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said plan is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): A statement containing the State-wise number of landless farmers (operational holders cultivating wholly leased-in land and wholly otherwise operated land) as per the Agricultural Census 1990-91 is annexed.

(b)&(c): The Government implements several employment generation schemes like Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana, Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana and watershed development programmes such as Integrated Watershed Development Project, Drought Prone Area Programme and Desert Development Programme, which are designed to benefit the rural poor including landless farmers.

Annexure-I

Statewise number of landless farmers in the country as per Agricultural Census, 1990-91

(Figures in thousand)

Sl.No.	States/UT	Wholly leased-in holdings (Number)	Wholly/ otherwise operated holdings (Number)	Total (Col.(3)+(4) (Number)
1	Andhra Pradesh	4	18	22
2	Assam	67	27	94
3	Bihar+	18	23	41
4	Gujarat	2	4	6
5	Haryana	46	6	52
6	Himachal Pradesh	14	2	16
7	Jammu & Kashmir	12	149	161
8	Karnataka	-	Neg	Neg
9	Kerala	2	25	27
10	Madhya Pradesh@	14	160	174
11	Maharashtra	8	15	23
12	Manipur	8	Neg	8
13	Meghalaya	9	9	18
14	Nagaland	3	-	3
15	Orissa	10	22	32
16	Punjab	10	-	10
17	Rajasthan	7	44	51
18	Sikkim	7	Neg	7
19	Tamil Nadu	33	11	44
20	Tripura	3	64	67
21	Uttar Pradesh#	56	44	100
22	West Bengal	105	36	141
23	A&N Island	Neg	Neg	Neg
24	Arunachal Pradesh	Neg	-	Neg

25	Chandigarh	Neg	Neg	Neg
26	Dadara & Nagar Haveli	-	-	-
27	Delhi	-	-	-
28	Goa	23	4	27
29	Lakshdweep	-	-	-
30	Mizoram	-	-	-
31	Pondicherry	3	Neg	3
32	Daman & Diu	Neg	Neg	Neg
	Total	465	663	1128

Total may not tally due to rounding off.

+ - includes Jharkand
@ - Includes Chhatisgarh
# - Includes Uttranchal